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1. [] machinery was installed in a new oil refinery situated approximately halfway between Sulo (Kashgar Yangi Shahr, N 39-25, E 76-06) and Sufu (Kashgar Aona Shahr, N 39-29, E 75-58). Crude oil, in 40-gallon drums, was brought to this refinery, which is a small concern, from Tazghun (N 39-17, E 76-05); no pipe line supplied the refinery. Crude oil of high viscosity was being obtained from natural springs within the immediate area, but no drilled wells were in operation.
2. A smaller refinery had also been established by the Chinese Communists about two and a half miles outside Yingohisha (Yangihissar, N 38-56, E 76-09), at the junction of the Yarkand (N 38-24, E 77-16) and Ighiz Yar (N 38-41, E 76-13) roads. This refinery was supplied with crude oil brought by truck from some place between Yingohisha and Tash Malik (N 39-07, E 75-37).¹
3. Machinery for the Yingohisha and Kashgar refineries came from the USSR, and these refineries were operated by both Soviet and Chinese technicians. The refined oil was available in the local market places, and was considered to be better in quality than that which was previously available.
4. [] Soviet technical assistants were engaged in the expansion and improvement of the large refinery at Sheiku², one of the main Chinese sources of refined oil in western Sinkiang Province.
5. [] the oil fields at Wasu³ were under joint Sino-Soviet management. New drilling and refining equipment was being installed.
6. [] joint teams of Soviet and Chinese geologists had been unable to locate new oil deposits in southwestern Sinkiang. [] there were rumors in the Kashgar area to the effect that oil had been discovered at a place called Kizil Oi.⁴

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1. Comment. Rumors placed the exact location at either Chong Qarawal (N 38-55, E 75-54) or Kichik Qarawal (N 38-55, E 75-49), on the Qaratash River.

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2. Comment. Possibly Sheikhle (N 41-24, E 79-41) is meant.

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3. Comment. Probably Wusu (N 44-27, E 84-37) is meant.

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